

January 13<sup>th</sup> 2017

### Headteacher's News

It has been great to see the children working hard in their first full week back and showing enthusiasm for their new topics. Lots of preparations have taken place in Year One for their tea party with the 'Queen' next week, including purposeful writing, such as invitations and they have prepared a dance.

#### Meet the Senior Leadership Team (SLT)

We would like to offer parents the chance to come into school for coffee and meet the Senior Leadership Team (SLT). It will give you the opportunity to learn a little about our experience and our vision for the school. You will also be able to share your view with us. What do you think are the current strengths of the school? How do you think the school could improve?

Dates and times are as follows:

Nursery	Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 9-9.30am
Reception	Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 9-9.30am
Year 1	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 9-9.30am
Year 2	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2.45 -3.15pm
Year 3	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 1.45pm -2.15pm
Year 4	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February 1.45pm -2.15pm
Year 5	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 9-9.30am
Year 6	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2.45 -3.15pm
Other	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 7pm – 7.30pm

Obviously, I could not expect my first week as Headteacher to run without any challenges! We had to make alternative heating arrangements in some classes this week as we had boiler issues. This has now been rectified. Thank you to staff and children for dealing with the situation.  
Mrs Jane Tanner

### Updates

**A new temporary TA position** for 8 hours across 3 days, supporting children's welfare and behaviour is currently being advertised on the Teach in Herts website. If you know anyone who may be interested, please ask them to contact the school.

**Lost Property:** Please collect any lost property from Reception. All items remaining on Tuesday evening will be disposed of.

**Supporting our Library:** Do you have any story CDs that you no longer listen to? Mrs Booth would like to enlarge her collection of CDs in the library. She would also like to increase our collection of story books and story CDs in other languages. Please take your donations to school the office.

**Unwanted Lego:** We are trying to create a box of lego for a lunchtime club so if you have any unwanted lego please bring any donations into the school office.

### Important Dates

The whole year's list of dates to follow but here are some key dates.

15 <sup>th</sup> January	Closing Date for Reception Applications
18 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 4 Walk
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Class 3 Walk
2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Year 3 Instrumentals
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Year 4 instrumentals
9 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 5 instrumentals
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 instrumentals
<b>Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Feb Half Term</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup> February	Healthy Schools' Week
27 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Week
28 <sup>th</sup> February	Consultations
1 <sup>st</sup> March	Consultations
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Closing Date for Nursery Applications
31 <sup>st</sup> March	End of Term 2pm

\*Red = New Items

### Safeguarding

*This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The designated persons for Child Protection are Mrs Tanner and Miss Greaves.*

Please don't come into classrooms after school from around the back without a teacher. We need to feel secure that children in our afterschool clubs do not have unknown adults wandering around. If you would like to see a teacher, please catch them on the playground or make an appointment at the office.

Please do not park in the staff car park when picking up or dropping off children, including late after school.

Thank you for your support in these areas.

## Class News

**Nursery** are looking for donations of a sofa, lamp, rug and curtains. Also if you could bring in any clean boxes, yogurt pots, tubes, etc. for junk modelling.

**Reception Drop-off:** We will be opening our doors at 8.45am. To support schools' safeguarding procedures, we aim to shut the gate promptly at 8.55am. In order for the children to get in as quickly as possible and to develop their independence, please can you drop them off at the bottom of the ramp (R2) and at the Mud Kitchen (R1). We do not want to be rude but we do need to get the children into class and settled as close to 8.45am as possible. However, of course, we are still available if there is something urgent! Reception Team

### Year 5 Trip to Imperial War Museum

*"We went to the Imperial war Museum on Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> January. We enjoyed looking at the spitfires and tanks. We saw nuclear missiles, guns and swords. Also, we went into an Anderson shelter and talked to a man who was there at the time. We all found it really good fun and learnt lots about World War Two."*

**James Mills, Lizzie Sheldon Class 9 and Molly Amos, Sam Winslow Class 10 Year 5 School Council.**

Staff were particularly proud of the children's behaviour and attitude to learning and the museum commented on the fact that they were the best behaved school. Well done Year 5!



**Healthy Mile:** On Mon/Wed/Fri break times the children had the opportunity to complete their healthy mile and were given an extra 5 minutes to eat their snacks afterwards.

**PE Kit:** Year 3, 4 and 5 are having hockey sessions this term in PE. We strongly advise parents to buy shin pads and a gum shield. They can be purchased online from sports shops such as Sports Direct. Please make sure they are clearly named and are kept with their PE kit.

## School Updates

### Bad Weather

Hertfordshire have a new Schools Closure Notification System, named Everbridge. This system will send you a text message and an email. The same message would also go to HCC and the local radio stations (3 Counties, BOB FM 106.7 + 106.9 and Heart 96.6). **However, you will only get a direct message if you register as outlined below.** We will also put a message on SchoolCall and on the website.

We are encouraging all of our parents to sign up to this system to ensure that in the event of school having to close (which is very rare!), we can get the message out quickly to our families.

Registration is very simple, just click on the link below and go to 'sign up'.

<https://member.everbridge.net/index/892807736725489#/login>

You will need to click on 'sign up' on the right hand side of the page, at the top. From there, follow the instructions given. It should take no more than 5 minutes to register and you can edit your information at any time should you change your mobile number or email address.

## Celebration of Achievements

It was great to see all the children's entries for our Learner of the Week certificate.

Well done to Olivia (class 2) and Henry (class 3) for being this term's KS1 winners for our certificate competition for designing the best certificate.

Congratulations also to Finley (class 6) and Maisie (class 11) who were our KS2 winners.

Our 'Learner of the Week' focused on writing this week. Our star learners were praised by their class teachers for many aspects of their writing this week, including applying their success criteria and good editing of their work.

Well done to:

Class 1: Thomas	Class 7: Fadlu
Class 2: Jasmine	Class 8: Leah
Class 3: Charlotte	Class 9: Gemma
Class 4: Honey	Class 10: Elliot
Class 5: Feroz	Class 11: Lily
Class 6: Thomas	Class 12: Evie

## Community News

**Fun Sing 2017** at Summercroft Primary School on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 from 2.00pm-4.30pm. For further information please visit: [www.cantate.co.uk](http://www.cantate.co.uk) or call Claire on: 07452 994086

### The Rotary Club of Bishop's Stortford Young Musician 2017 Competition

An exciting competition for young performers residing or in full-time education in postcodes CM21, CM22, CM23 and CM24

22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017 at Bishop's Stortford College

Junior, Intermediate and Senior Classes for: Brass; Woodwind; Strings (including Guitar); Piano (including Organ); Vocal

For further information, please contact [margaretwebb01@gmail.com](mailto:margaretwebb01@gmail.com)  
Deadline for entries – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017